

MEETING DATE: January 27, 2026

**STAFF PERSON
RESPONSIBLE:** Megan Datwyler, Risk Manager

DESCRIPTION: 2026 Liability Insurance Renewal for a Total Amount of \$1,594,331.70.

SUMMARY: The liability insurance program renews on January 1, annually. Primary Liability Coverages include: General Liability, Employment Practices Liability, Employee Benefits Errors & Omissions, Law Enforcement Liability, Public Officials Liability, Auto Liability.

The public entity liability market continues to face upward pressure driven by several key factors, notably “social inflation” - the rising cost of insurance claims influenced by societal trends such as substantially increased jury awards. Additionally, economic inflation, a higher frequency and severity of auto liability losses, and the growing use of litigation financing further contribute to the challenges within this market. Underwriting decisions are increasingly influenced by risk selectivity and portfolio-wide considerations, and sensitivity to attachment points, all of which prompt a more rigorous underwriting stance. As a result, underwriters are scrutinizing submissions more closely, and actuarial involvement in pricing determination has become more significant. Law enforcement liability continues to be a primary focus in underwriting due to its inherent complexities. This coverage line faces significant challenges stemming from heightened media scrutiny, civil unrest, and evolving federal court rulings.

The County strategy for liability coverage is to thoughtfully evaluate insurance partners that provide stable and committed coverage to the public entity space. Unless the market responds otherwise, we strive to stay with liability carriers for 5 years to ensure continuity. Public Risk Innovation Solutions and Management (PRISM) was a new partner in 2025 as the primary \$5M in coverage above the same \$500,000 Self Insured Retention. The renewal is 8.67% increase over 2025 due to increased exposures (payroll) and slight rate increase. The final structure with pricing is below.

\$5M x \$500K SIR Layer - PRISM (StarStone)- \$758,336.25
\$5M x \$5M Layer - Munich Re- \$404,188.06
\$5M x \$10M Layer - Arch Specialty- \$177,976.88
\$5M x \$15M Layer - StarStone - \$142,897.38
\$5M x \$20M Layer- Obsidian Specialty- \$110,913.13

TOTAL \$25M Limit - Premium = \$1,594,331.70

**RECOMMENDED
ACTION:**

The Board of County Commissioners approve payment in the total amount of \$1,594,331.70 for the 2026 liability insurance premiums to Alliant Insurance Services.

REVIEW:

Doug DeBord	Approve	1/20/2026
Jeff Garcia	Approve	1/21/2026
Christie Guthrie	Approve	1/21/2026

ATTACHMENTS:

2026 Liability Alliant invoices
2026 Pinnacol renewal invoice